
MARCH 21, 1806.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

A Bill,

To prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise.



1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That from
3 and after the day of next, it shall not
4 be lawful to import into the United States, or the territories thereof,
5 from any port or place situated in Great Britain or Ireland, or in any
6 of the colonies or dependencies of Great Britain, any goods, wares
7 or merchandise, of the following description, that is to say :

- 8 All articles of which leather is the material of chief value ;
9 All articles of which silk is the material of chief value ;
10 All articles of which hemp or flax is the material of chief value ;
11 All articles of which tin or brass is the material of chief value,
12 tin in sheets excepted ;
13 Woollen cloths whose invoice prices shall exceed
14 Woollen hosiery of all kinds ;
15 Window glass, and all other manufactures of glass ;

16 Silver and plated wares ;

17 Paper of every description ;

18 Nails and spikes ;

19 Hats ;

20 Clothing ready made ;

21 Millenery of all kinds ;

22 Playing cards ;

23 Beer, ale and porter; and pictures and prints :

24 Nor shall it be lawful to import into the United States from any
25 foreign port or place whatever, any of the above mentioned goods,
26 wares or merchandise, being of the growth, produce or manufac-
27 ture of Great Britain, or Ireland, or any of the colonies or de-
28 pendencies of Great Britain.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever any article or
2 articles, the importation of which is prohibited by this act, shall,
3 after the said day of next, be imported
4 into the United States, contrary to the true intent and meaning of
5 this act, or shall, after the said day of
6 next, be put on board any ship or vessel, boat, raft or carriage,
7 with intention of importing the same into the United States, all
8 such articles, as well as all other articles on board the same ship
9 or vessel, boat, raft or carriage, belonging to the owner of such
10 prohibited articles, shall be forfeited, and the owner thereof shall
11 moreover forfeit and pay treble the value of such articles.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any article or articles,
2 the importation of which is prohibited by this act, shall, after the

3 said day of next, be put on board any
 4 ship or vessel, boat, raft or carriage, with intention to import the
 5 same into the United States, contrary to the true intent and mean-
 6 ing of this act, and with the knowledge of the owner or master of
 7 such ship or vessel, boat, raft or carriage, such ship or vessel,
 8 boat, raft or carriage, shall be forfeited, and the owner and master
 9 thereof shall moreover each forfeit and pay treble the value of such
 10 articles.

1 Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any article or articles,
 2 the importation of which is prohibited by this act, and which shall
 3 nevertheless be on board any ship or vessel, boat, raft or car-
 4 riage, arriving after the said day of
 5 next, in the United States, shall be omitted in the manifest, report
 6 or entry of the master or the person having the charge or command
 7 of such ship or vessel, boat, raft or carriage, or shall be omitted
 8 in the entry of the goods owned by the owner, or consigned to the
 9 consignee of such articles, or shall be imported, or landed, or at-
 10 tempted to be imported, or landed, without a permit, the same pe-
 11 nalties, fines and forfeitures shall be incurred, and may be recovered,
 12 as in the case of similar omission or omissions, landing, importa-
 13 tion, or attempt to land or import, in relation to articles liable to
 14 duties on their importation into the United States.

1 Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That every collector, naval
 2 officer, surveyor, or other officer of the customs, shall have the
 3 like power and authority to seize goods, wares and merchandise
 4 imported contrary to the intent and meaning of this act, to keep the

5 same in custody until it shall have been ascertained whether the
 6 same have been forfeited or not, and to enter any ship or vessel,
 7 dwelling house, store, building or other place, for the purpose of
 8 searching for and seizing any such goods, wares and merchandise,
 9 which he or they now have by law, in relation to goods, wares and
 10 merchandise subject to duty: and if any person or persons shall
 11 conceal or buy any goods, wares, or merchandise, knowing them
 12 to be liable to seizure by this act, such person or persons shall, on
 13 conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a sum double the amount or va-
 14 lue of the goods, wares and merchandise so concealed or purchased.

1 Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the following addition
 2 shall be inserted to the oath or affirmation taken by the masters or
 3 persons having the charge or command of any ship or vessel arriv-
 4 ing at any port of the United States, after the said
 5 day of next, viz. " I further swear (or affirm) that
 6 there are not to the best of my knowledge and belief on board [in-
 7 sert the denomination and name of the vessel] any goods, wares or
 8 merchandise, the importation of which into the United States is
 9 prohibited by law: And I do further swear (or affirm) that if I
 10 shall hereafter discover or know of any such goods, wares or mer-
 11 chandise on board the said vessel, or which shall have been im-
 12 ported in the same, I will immediately and without delay make due
 13 report thereof to the collector of the port of this district."

1 Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the following addition be
 2 inserted after the said day of next, to
 3 the oath or affirmation taken by importers, consignees or agents, at

4 the time of entering goods imported into the United States, viz. "I
5 also swear (or affirm) that there are not to the best of my knowledge
6 and belief amongst the said goods, wares and merchandise, im-
7 ported or consigned as aforesaid, any goods, wares or merchan-
8 dise, the importation of which into the United States is prohi-
9 bited by law: And I do further swear (or affirm) that if I shall
10 hereafter discover any such goods, wares or merchandise amongst
11 the said goods, wares and merchandise, imported or consigned as
12 aforesaid, I will immediately and without delay report the same to
13 the collector of this district."

1 Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That all penalties and forfeit-
2 ures arising under this act may be sued for and recovered, and shall
3 be distributed and accounted for in the manner prescribed by the
4 act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports
5 and tonnage:" and such penalties and forfeitures may be examined,
6 mitigated or remitted in like manner, and under the like conditions.
7 regulations and restrictions as are prescribed, authorized and di-
8 rected by the act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or re-
9 mitting the forfeitures, penalties and disabilities accruing in certain
10 cases therein mentioned."